Government needs for anonymous communication

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Who Needs Anonymity?

- Socially sensitive communicants:
  - Disease or crime victim chat rooms
- Law Enforcement:
  - Anonymous tips or crime reporting
  - Surveillance and honeypots (sting operations)
- Corporations:
  - Hiding collaborations of sensitive business units or partners
  - Hide procurement suppliers or patterns
- Political Dissidents
- Censorship resistant publishers
- Whistleblowers
Who Needs Anonymity?

- Government
Government Needs Anonymity? Yes, for...

- Open source intelligence gathering
  - Hiding individual analysts is not enough
  - That a query was from a govt. source may be sensitive
- Defense in depth on open and classified networks
  - Networks with only cleared users (but a million of them)
- Dynamic and semitrusted international coalitions
  - Network can be shared without revealing existence or amount of communication between all parties
- Elections and Voting
Government Needs Anonymity?
Yes, for...

- Networks partially under known hostile control
  - To attack comm. enemy must take down whole network
- Politically sensitive negotiations
- Road Warriors
- Protecting procurement patterns
- Homeland Security Information to/from municipalities, industry,...
- Anonymous tips (national security, congressional investigations, etc. In addition to law enforcement)